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Highway Diesel and Non-road Diesel Rules Summary

In January 2001 and in June 2004, EPA finalized the Highway Diesel and Nonroad Diesel Rules, respectively, which will implement more stringent standards for new diesel engines and fuels. The rules mandate the use of lower sulfur fuels in diesel engines beginning in 2006 for highway diesel fuel, and 2007 for non-road diesel fuel. These fuels will enable the use of after treatment technologies for new diesel engines, which can reduce harmful emissions by 90 percent or more.

In addition to two subsequent amendments containing clarifications to the rules were published by Direct Final Rule making in 2006 to make minor changes to assist entities in complying with the diesel fuel rules.

All Diesel Fuel and non-road diesel engine technologies must comply with the EPA's final rules for Highway and Non-road Diesel Rules.

One can access the Direct Final Rule and related documents on EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality Web site at:

www.epa.gov/otaq/regs/fuels/diesel/diesel.htm

Additional information on the Highway Diesel and Nonroad Diesel Rules is available at the following Web sites:

- Highway Diesel Rule:
Web site: www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel.htm
- Non-road Diesel Rule:
Web site: www.epa.gov/nonroad-diesel/2004fr.htm
- July 2005 Technical Amendments to the Highway and Nonroad Diesel Rules (published July 15, 2005):
Web site: www.epa.gov/otaq/regs/fuels/diesel/diesel.htm#amend